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SUBJECT: ARA WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS

SUMMARY:

MRS. CARTER'S RECEPTION HAS BEEN WARM AND THE SUBSTANCE OF
HER DIALOGUES WITH HER HOSTS HAS BEEN ENCOURAGING. THE
PANAMA CANAL NEGOTIATIONS RESUMED IN WASHINGTON JUNE 8
FOLLOWING A BRIEF RECESS TO ALLOW THE PANAMANIAN DELEGATION
TO CONSULT WITH GENERAL TORRIJOS. US-UK CONSULTATIONS ON
LATIN AMERICAN POLICY WERE HELD IN WASHINGTON. THE AN-
NOUNCEMENT THAT INTERESTS SECTIONS WOULD BE OPENED IN
HAVANA AND WASHINGTON RECEIVED CONSIDERABLE PUBLICITY.
PREPARATIONS FOR THE OASGA ARE PROCEEDING. END SUMMARY.
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1. LA TRIP OF MRS. CARTER. MRS. CARTER'S TRIP THROUGH
LATIN AMERICA HAS GENERATED CONSIDERABLE FAVORABLE PUB-
LICITY BOTH HERE AND IN THE LA PRESS. CONVERSATIONS WITH
HOST COUNTRY OFFICIALS HAVE BEEN WIDE RANGING AND CON-
STRUCTIVE. WE PLAN TO LET THE FIELD HAVE A MORE COMPLETE
REPORT ON THE TRIP WHEN SHE RETURNS EARLY NEXT WEEK.

2. PANAMA CANAL NEGOTIATIONS. THE PANAMA NEGOTIATIONS, WHICH RECESSED MAY 31 TO PERMIT THE PANAMANIAN DELEGATION TO RETURN TO PANAMA FOR CONSULTATIONS WITH GENERAL TORRIJOS, RESUMED IN WASHINGTON JUNE 8. OUR OBJECTIVE CONTINUES TO BE TO COMPLETE CONCEPTUAL AGREEMENT AT AN EARLY DATE BEFORE COMMENCING THE TREATY DRAFTING EXERCISE. DETAILS ON A NUMBER OF TENTATIVE AGREEMENTS IN PRINCIPLE REMAIN UNRESOLVED BUT WE DO NOT ANTICIPATE THAT THEY WILL POSE SERIOUS PROBLEMS. THE ONE ISSUE WHICH HAS NOT BEEN ADDRESSED AT THE NEGOTIATING TABLE IS THE ECONOMIC BENEFITS WHICH PANAMA IS TO RECEIVE IN THE NEW TREATY. THERE HAVE BEEN SOME INDICATIONS THAT PANAMA HAS GRANDIOSE IDEAS ABOUT THE EARNING CAPACITY OF THE CANAL. ITS DEMANDS COULD PROVE UNREALISTIC. CONSULTATIONS ARE BEING HELD WITH THE CONGRESS, AND AN NSC MEETING MAY BE HELD TO REVIEW THE CONCEPTUAL AGREEMENTS WHICH HAVE BEEN ACHIEVED IN THIS ROUND.

3. OASGA. PREPARATIONS FOR THE OASGA IN GRENADA STARTING NEXT WEEK ARE PROCEEDING. THE SECRETARY WILL PARTICIPATE FOR APPROXIMATELY TWO DAYS AND WILL HOLD BILATERALS WITH

ALL FOREIGN MINISTERS WHO ATTEND. HUMAN RIGHTS AND

OAS REFORMS WILL BE MAJOR TOPICS OF DISCUSSION.

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4. CUBA AGREEMENT. THE U.S.-CUBAN AGREEMENT TO EXCHANGE INTERESTS SECTIONS WAS ANNOUNCED JUNE 3. CUBA ALSO

ANNOUNCED THE

IMMINENT RELEASE OF 10 U.S. CITIZEN PRISONERS HELD ON DRUG CHARGES. THE U.S. SECTION WILL BE IN THE SWISS EMBASSY IN HAVANA, THE CUBAN SECTION IN THE CZECH EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON. EACH WILL BE RELATIVELY SMALL, NOT MORE THAN A DOZEN IN ALL, AND WILL BE HEADED BY SENIOR OFFICERS OF COUNSELOR RANK. WE AGREED WITH THE CUBANS TO SET WITHIN THIRTY DAYS A DATE FOR THE OPENING OF THE SECTIONS. BEFORE THAT CAN BE DONE, HOWEVER, AN ADMINISTRATIVE SURVEY TEAM WILL SPEND ABOUT A WEEK IN HAVANA BEGINNING JUNE 12 TO DETERMINE WHAT REPAIRS ARE NECESSARY ON OUR CHANCERY AND RESIDENCE BUILDINGS AND TO DISCUSS WITH THE CUBANS HOUSING AND OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS.

THE OPENING OF U.S. INTERESTS SECTION IN HAVANA IS A STEP WELL SHORT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS. IT WILL, HOWEVER, FACILITATE COMMUNICATIONS -- AN IMPORTANT STEP IN ITSELF IF WE ARE TO BEGIN TO ADDRESS SOME OF THE NETTLE-SOME PROBLEMS THAT NOW STAND BETWEEN US. IT WILL ALSO IMPROVE CONSULAR SERVICES FOR U.S. CITIZENS TRAVELLING TO CUBA.

5. CONSULTATIONS WITH THE BRITISH. CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN THE U.S. AND THE U.K., WITH A FOCUS ON RELATIONS WITH LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN, WERE HELD HERE MAY 31 AND JUNE 1. THE U.K. WAS REPRESENTED BY UNDERSECRETARY TED ROWLANDS, AND THE U.S. DELEGATION WAS HEADED BY UNDERSECRETARY HABIB. TED HEAVNER AND I PARTICIPATED.

A MAJOR ITEM IN THE DISCUSSIONS TURNED OUT TO BE THE BRITISH-GUATEMALAN DISPUTE OVER BELIZE. IN ANTICIPATION OF THE NEXT NEGOTIATING SESSION (NOW SCHEDULED FOR EARLY JULY) ROWLANDS SOUGHT TO EXPLAIN THE U.K.'S POSITION. VANCE

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